

MENTAL HAZARDS IN BASEBALL EXPLAINED BY ALEXANDER

A Pitcher Cannot Throw From the Outfield to the Plate, Nor Can an Outfielder Locate the Rubber From the Pitcher's Box—Why? The Muscle and the Mind

By GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER

Will somebody tell me why a pitcher can throw a ball from the mound to the batsman a hundred or more times in the course of a ball game, and yet that same pitcher cannot go to center field and throw a ball once to the plate with any speed or accuracy? It always has been a problem to me.

Take my own case, for example. I have a strong arm and it is not difficult for me to go through an ordinary nine-inning game and pitch fast ones that have just about as much zip to them in the last inning as they had in the first. But I cannot go to deep center field and throw a ball to the plate with enough zip to break a pane of glass behind it to break a pane of glass when it reaches home.

Now Whitted, Paekert, Cravath and Becker, outfielders on the Phillies' roster, make long throws to the plate and the batter many times in a contact. They are throwing that ball with enough zip to break a pane of glass when it reaches home.

I recall the case of one player who seemed to think a throw from the outfield was an impossibility. For him, at all times, he barely got the ball with enough zip to break a pane of glass when it reaches home.

YOUNG GOLFERS PREVENT ANCIENT "ALBI" FROM DYING NATURAL DEATH

Veterans No Longer Resort to Trivial Excuses When They Fail to Put Up Their Usual Game—Local Golf News and Comment

Has the "alibi" game run hopelessly into a rut? New and then there is a good shot made from which there is no come-back, but even at this advanced age it is not so much a matter of the cause of the ball as it is of the effect of the ball.

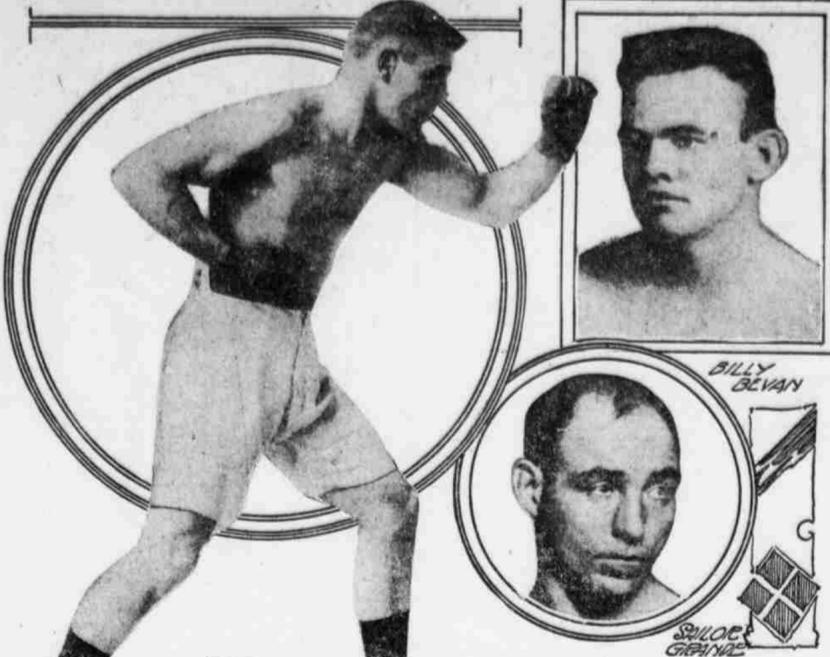
There are three essentials to an alibi. First, there must be an element of truth; second, there must be an element of force; and third, there must be an element of luck.

Dr. Philip De Long, Bala, showed real class in the thirteenth. He has only been playing golf a little over a year, but his brilliant work in the tournament argues for still more startling feats in golf days to come.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

One good example has been set at the

STARS IN OLYMPIA'S OPENING TONIGHT



The wind-up of the Broad street arena's initial show of the season between Dillon and Grande may finish unexpectedly. Both are terrific hitting fighters. Bevan makes his initial local bow in combat with Knockout O'Donnell.

BOXING SEASON PRIED OPEN TONIGHT BY BIG CARD AT THE OLYMPIA

Good Program, With Jack Dillon and Sailor Grande in Star Bout, Starts Local Pugilistic Campaign

By GRANTLAND RICE

DETROIT, Aug. 29.—The main difference, as Ty Cobb expressed it, was about this: "Sometimes I can hit 'em where they ain't, but these fellows can hit 'em where a bird can't fly."

It was agreed that here was the proper spot to make the test—here in the home of Cobb and Crawford, the slugger kings—where there had gathered also the greatest golfers in the land.

So three of the longest hitters in golf—Cobb, Gullford and Marston, were selected to make the test. The center field paddles here is 170 yards from the home plate—far beyond the carry of Ty's greatest wallop or Wahoo's most powerful smash.

It is not an unusual thing for a small college from the up-country to take one of the "big league" eleven by surprise at the beginning of the season and emerge victorious after a hard game. It was done last year and the same thing will happen this fall, so prepare for a number of surprises.

Physical condition is the most important asset of a football player. It is necessary to be in good shape to go through a grueling contest, especially in the early season, for it is then that the athletes are put to the most severe test.

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Cy Morgan Now an Umpire

Cy Morgan, former Athletic star, is now an umpire. He has been placed on the Philadelphia team.

RAIN CAUSES POSTPONEMENT OF LAWN TENNIS MATCHES AT FORREST HILLS

Courts Too Soft This Morning to Begin National Event. All Details Arranged for Accommodation of Record-Breaking Crowd

U. S. Lawn Tennis Champions Since 1881

Table listing U.S. Lawn Tennis Champions from 1881 to 1915, including names like R. D. Sears, H. D. Sears, and W. C. Wood.

WESTSIDE TENNIS CLUB, Forest Hills, L. I., Aug. 29.—At 10 o'clock this morning, the hour scheduled for the beginning of the 25th annual lawn tennis tournament for the championship of the United States, the courts were so thoroughly rain-soaked that it was decided to postpone the matches.

It is generally conceded by experts here that the fight will be a triangular one between Maurice E. McLoughlin, California; R. Norris Williams, 20, Philadelphia; and Karl H. Behr, New York.

While Behr is looked upon as more than a serious contender, his chances are not rated as high as that of his two most-favored opponents—Williams and McLoughlin—in spite of the fact that he defeated the latter at Seabright recently.

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